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Microsoft has successfully shifted focus from the right of others to innovate and profit from those innovations to their (assumed) right to conduct business any way they please. Any settlement that allows Microsoft to continue without structural remedy is doomed - they spent the 1990s avoiding terms of their consent decrees, so how can they be trusted now?

Please remember this case was brought because Microsoft achieved their monopolistic position by smothering competition with classic, 19th century, monopolistic, business methods. There is nothing innovative about these abusive business practices, and they threaten our technical progress as a nation.

Microsoft only came into being because DOJ filed a similar antitrust action against IBM. Because of that suit, IBM made structural changes and business decisions that finally negated the suit, and allowed the PC revolution to occur. What disruptive technology, like the PC, will fail to take root because DOJ backs away from this equally significant opportunity to be a change agent?

This is not about punishing Microsoft - It is about giving new ideas the opportunity to create their own wealth and power.

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